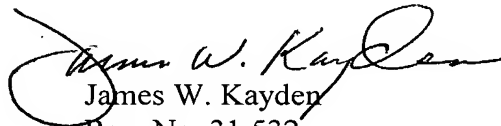


**REMARKS**

In the foregoing amendments, claims 1-12 are amended to conform to a conventional U.S. format, to remove multiple claim dependencies, and to correct minor informalities. Also, claims 13 and 14 are added. Claims 1-14 are now pending. Please enter the foregoing amendments before calculation of any claim fees.


Favorable consideration of the present application is hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (770) 933-9500.

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Attachment(s):      Abstract

## A B S T R A C T

An appliance for cooking food under pressure is disclosed herein. The appliance comprises a bowl, a lid (2) designed to be mounted on the bowl, a temperature sensor (10), and a pressure-regulating valve (3). The pressure-regulating valve is sensitive to the pressure prevailing inside the cooking enclosure and is mounted to move between two stable abutment positions. A first position shuts off communication from the enclosure to the outside so long as the internal pressure is lower than a predetermined pressure  $P_0$ . A second position puts the inside of the enclosure into communication with the outside via a steam outlet (7) once the internal pressure reaches substantially the predetermined pressure  $P_0$ . The temperature sensor (10) is disposed in the vicinity of the outlet (7) so as to make it possible to sense the increase in temperature resulting from the steam passing through the steam outlet (7).